

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 12 have been amended and claims 18-20 have been added.

The rest of the claims 2, 4-11 and 13-17 have not been amended.

Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 10-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,519,747. The Office Action of April 26, 2005 provides "it should be noted that the radial surface of the intermediate clamping member 9 of Yamazaki et al is treated at 11 to increase its co-efficient of friction. Upon review of the '747 reference it is believed reasonable to conclude that 10 and 11 are circular or partially circular projections. The '747 reference discloses forming the washer 9 with a relatively large projection extending from its outer surface. The '747 reference utilizes the relatively large projections as a tool to plastically deform the corresponding component around the shaft 4. The Applicant respectfully disagrees that the '747 discloses, teaches or suggests treating a radial surface on a component to increase its co-efficient of friction with respect to the other surface.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees that the '747 discloses, teaches or suggests a surface treatment utilizing mechanical abrasion or chemical etching. The '747 discloses, teaches and suggests forming a specific geometric configuration on the washer 9 and not treating the surface of the washer. More specifically, there is not disclosed mechanical abrasion or chemical etching.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the claim rejections founded upon the '747 reference and issue a Notice of Allowance. The

undersigned would welcome a telephonic interview with the Examiner to discuss any remaining issues.

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